

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT PROMOTION ZONES NEAR HARBOUR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have set up various zones like, enterprise, business-development and export zones near harbours to boost export;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which these measures have been helpful in giving a boost to export;
- (c) the amount spent by the Government on these export-business development zones;
- (d) the facilities provided for the encouragement of entrepreneurs;
- (e) whether the Government have any more schemes to develop these centres; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : The Government have set up seven Export Processing Zones(EPZs)/Special Economic Zones(SEZs) near Ports/Inland Container Depot at Kandla (Gujarat), Santa Cruz, Mumbai (Maharashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Chennai(Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (West Bengal) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) to boost exports. The export from EPZs/SEZs during 1999-2000 were of the order of Rs. 6708 crores as compared to Rs. 5252 crores during 1998-1999 representing a growth of 28%

(c) The Central Government have incurred a total expenditure of Rs.291 crores towards cost of land and development of infrastructure in the EPZs/SEZs as on 31.3.2000.

(d) As per the Policy, the entitlement to units in SEZs/EPZs includes exemption from Customs duty on capital goods, raw materials etc; exemption from Central Excise Duty on procurement of capital goods, raw materials, consumables etc. from the domestic market; reimbursement of Central Sales Tax; upgraded infrastructure and simpler procedures.

(e) & (f) There is no proposal to set up any new EPZ/SEZ by the Central Government. However, EPZs/SEZs may be set up in the private, joint sector or by the State Governments.